

Tome #21

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Please answer the following after viewing Philip Zimbardo's TED Talk on the Nature of Evil.

1. How does the Escher print express Zimbardo's ideas about good vs. evil?

2. Describe the "arc of cosmic transformation" and "The Lucifer Effect."

3. How does Zimbardo define evil (in a psychological sense)?

4. What does Z mean by "bad apples", "bad barrel" and "bad barrel-makers"?

5. What does Zimbardo mean when he says "all evil starts with 15 volts"? do you agree or disagree? Why?

6. Milgram categorizes evil as the willingness of individuals to blindly obey authority and go to 450 volts, as a dial on human nature. Do you agree or disagree with this definition? Are there different types of evil? Does evil exist on a spectrum or continuum of less evil to more evil?
7. What are the seven social processes that grease the slippery slope of evil?
8. How does Z believe we can combat evil?
9. What are your own comments/critique re: Zimbardo's presentation?